

REMARKS

Claims 22-83 have been canceled and new claims 84-109 have been added to allow prosecution of claims 1-21 and 48-73 of the parent application. New claims 84-109, which correspond to claims 48-73 of the parent application, have been added to correct misnumbered claims 26 (two occurrences). No new matter has been added.

It is noted that the claim amendments herein are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

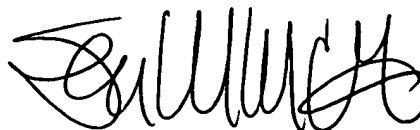
The prior application is assigned of record to Nuvonyx, Inc., at Reel 010869 and Frame 0191.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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